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- Amendments in the Claims: (struck-through parts deleted and underlined parts added) 5
  - (currently amended) A tissue box holding device comprising: 1.
  - a panel, said panel having a rear edge, a forward edge and a pair of lateral side edges;
  - a pair of legs, each of said legs having a lower end being attached to and extending upwardly from said rear edge, said legs being spaced from each other such that each of said legs is positioned adjacent to one of said side edges, each of said legs being positioned in a plane orientated substantially perpendicular to a plane of said panel;

## a brace being attached to and extending between said legs;

- 15 a bracket being attached to said legs and extending over said panel such that a plane of said bracket is orientated substantially parallel to said plane of said panel;
  - a coupler being attached to an upper end of said legs for selectively coupling said legs to a vertical surface; and
- 20 wherein a tissue holding box may be removably positioned on said panel and held against said legs by said bracket.
  - 2. (original) The device according to claim 1, wherein said panel has a width from said rear edge to said forward edge generally between 1 inch and 2 inches.
  - 3. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein said panel has a length between said side edges generally between 4 inches and 5 inches.
- 4. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein said panel has a length 30 between said side edges generally between 9 inches and 10 inches.
  - 5. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein each of said legs has a height generally between 4 inches and 5 inches.

6. (original) The device according to claim 2, wherein said bracket includes an elongated member and a pair of arms being attached to and extending away from opposite ends of said elongated member, said arms being orientated perpendicular to said elongated member, each of said arms having a free end with respect to said elongated member, each of said free ends being attached to one of said legs.

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- 7. The device according to claim 6, wherein each of said legs has an outer edge with respect to each other, each of said free ends being positioned adjacent to a respective one of said outer edges of said legs.
- 15 8. (original) The device according to claim 6, wherein said elongated member has a length substantially equal to said length of said panel.
  - 9. (original) The device according to claim 6, wherein said coupler includes a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said legs, each of said hooks extending in a direction opposite of said bracket.
  - 10. (original)The device according to claim 9, wherein each of said hooks includes a horizontal portion attached to said legs and a downwardly extending vertical portion spaced from said legs.

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- 11. (original) The device according to claim 10, further including a support being attached to and extending between said vertical portions of said hooks.
- 12. (currently amended) The device according to claim 11, wherein said support has at least two apertures extending therethrough, each of said apertures having an axis orientated perpendicular to said plane of said legs, said apertures being spaced from said hooks.

Claims 13 and 14 (cancelled)

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15. (currently amended) A tissue box holding device comprising: a panel, said panel having a rear edge, a forward edge and a pair of lateral side edges, said panel having a width from said rear edge to said forward edge generally between 1 inch and 2 inches, said panel having a length between said side edges generally between 4 inches and 10 inches;

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a pair of legs, each of said legs having a lower end being attached to and extending upwardly from said rear edge, said legs being spaced from each other such that each of said legs is positioned adjacent to one of said side edges, each of said legs being positioned in a plane orientated substantially perpendicular to a plane of said panel, each of said legs having a height generally between 4 inches and 5 inches, each of said legs having an outer edge with respect to each other;

a bracket being attached to said legs and extending over said panel such that a plane of said bracket is orientated substantially parallel to said plain plain of said panel, said bracket including an elongated member and a pair of arms being attached to and extending away from opposite ends of said elongated member, said arms being orientated perpendicular to said elongated member, each of said arms having a free end with respect to said elongated member, each of said free ends being attached to one of said legs, each of said free ends being positioned adjacent to a respective one of said outer edges of said legs, said elongated member having a length substantially equal to said length of said panel;

a coupler being attached to an upper end of said legs for selectively coupling said legs to a vertical surface, said coupler including a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said-legs, each of said hooks extending in a direction opposite of said bracket, each of said hooks including a horizontal portion attached to said legs and a downwardly extending vertical portion spaced from said legs, a support being attached to and extending between said-vertical portions of said hooks, said support having at least two apertures extending therethrough, each of said

apertures having an axis orientated perpendicular to-said plane of said legs;

a brace being attached to and extending between said legs; and wherein a tissue holding box may be removably positioned on said panel and held against said legs by said bracket.

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(new) The tissue box holding device according to claim 15, wherein said 16. coupler comprises a pair of screws, each of said legs having a hole extending therethrough, each of said screws being removably extendable through one of said holes and into the vertical surface.

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(new) The tissue box holding device according to claim 15, wherein said 17. coupler including a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said legs, each of said hooks extending in a direction opposite of said bracket, each of said hooks including a horizontal portion attached to said legs and a downwardly extending vertical portion spaced from said legs, a support being attached to and extending between said vertical portions of said hooks, said support having at least two apertures extending therethrough, each of said apertures having an axis orientated perpendicular to said plane of said legs, each of said apertures being spaced from said legs.

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(new) A method of holding a tissue box comprising the steps of: 18. providing a panel having a rear edge, a forward edge and a pair of lateral side edges;

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providing a pair of legs, each of said legs having a lower end being attached to and extending upwardly from said rear edge, said legs being spaced from each other such that each of said legs is positioned adjacent to one of said side edges, each of said legs being positioned in a plane orientated substantially perpendicular to a plane of said panel, each of said legs having an outer edge with respect to each other;

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providing a bracket being attached to said legs and extending over said panel such that a plane of said bracket is orientated substantially parallel to said plane

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of said panel, said bracket including an elongated member and a pair of arms being attached to and extending away from opposite ends of said elongated member, said arms being orientated perpendicular to said elongated member, each of said arms having a free end with respect to said elongated member, each of said free ends being attached to one of said legs, each of said free ends being positioned adjacent to a respective one of said outer edges of said legs, said elongated member having a length substantially equal to said length of said panel;

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providing a coupler being attached to an upper end of said legs for selectively coupling said legs to a vertical surface;

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providing a brace being attached to and extending between said legs; positioning a tissue box on said panel such that said brace extends around said tissue box; and

attaching said upper ends of said legs to a vertical surface with said coupler.

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19. (new) The method according to claim 18, wherein said coupler includes a pair of hooks, each of said hooks being attached to one of said legs, each of said hooks extending in a direction opposite of said bracket, each of said hooks including a horizontal portion attached to said legs and a downwardly extending vertical portion spaced from said hooks.

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- 20. (new) The method according to claim 19, wherein said coupler further includes a support being attached to and extending between said vertical portions of said hooks, said support having at least two apertures extending therethrough, each of said apertures having an axis orientated perpendicular to said plane of said legs, each of a pair of screws being extended through one of said apertures in said support and into said vertical surface.
- 21. (new) The method according to claim 18, wherein said coupler includes a pair of screws, each of said screws being selectively extended through one of a pair of holes in said legs such that said legs are attached to the vertical surface.